## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method for operating a short haul radio transmitting/radio receiving system comprising:

determining a maximum number of devices that may communicate with a master device; determining devices present that exceed the maximum number;

switching devices that exceed the maximum number to a park mode;

switching the parked devices exceeding the maximum number into an active mode, according to a predefined strategy; and

continually switching active devices into a park mode according to the predefined strategy; and

further switching at least one <u>further device</u>, in addition to a minimum number of devices <u>switched to the park mode</u>, from an active mode device to a park mode.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the predefined strategy is based on timeslices that are cyclically assigned to the individual devices.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the predefined strategy is based on priority criteria according to which a dynamically changeable sequence of devices is specified in which the parked devices are switched to the active mode.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the data rate of the individual devices is used as the priority criterion.

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Claim 10 (previously presented): The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the predefined strategy further comprises a timeslice assignment cyclically assigned to each device that is combined with the priority criteria.

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